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| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/629,366 | 07/29/2003 | Jason P. Eaton | 01-18 | 6288 |

TITLE OF INVENTION: PATIENT INTERFACE AND HEADGEAR CONNECTOR

| APPLN. TYPE | SMALL ENTITY | ISSUE FEE | PUBLICATION FEE | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE | DATE DUE |
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| EXAMINER | ART UNIT | CLASS-SUBCLASS |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| BUNIN, ANDREW M | 3743 | 128-206210 |

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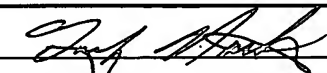
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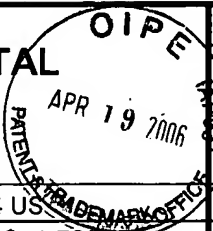
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| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or declaration | |
| 1811 | 100 | 1811 | 100 | Certificate of Correction | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 576 | 25 | 576 | 25 | Additional filing receipt, duplicate or corrected due to applicant error | |
| 1251 | 120 | 2251 | 60 | Extension for response within first month | |
| 1252 | 450 | 2252 | 225 | Extension for response within second month | |
| 1253 | 1,020 | 2253 | 510 | Extension for response within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,590 | 2254 | 795 | Extension for response within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,160 | 2255 | 1,080 | Extension for response within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 500 | 2401 | 250 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 500 | 2402 | 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 1,000 | 2403 | 500 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1452 | 500 | 2452 | 250 | Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application | |
| 1453 | 1,500 | 2453 | 750 | Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application | |
| 1501 | 1,400 | 2501 | 700 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | 1,400.00 |
| 1502 | 800 | 2502 | 400 | Design issue fee | |
| 1814 | 130 | 2814 | 65 | Statutory Disclaimer | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Director | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of property) | |
| 1801 | 790 | 2801 | 395 | Request for Continued Examination | |
| 1504 | 300 | 1504 | 300 | Publication Fee | 300.00 |

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| Appln. Type | Filing Fee(\$) | Search Fee(\$) | Exam Fee(\$) | Fees Paid |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Utility | 300 | 500 | 200 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 130 | |
| Plant | 200 | 300 | 160 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 500 | 600 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 0 | 0 | |

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1202 50 | 2202 25 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 200 | 2201 100 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 360 | 2203 180 | Multiple dependent claim |
| 1204 200 | 2204 100 | Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 50 | 2205 25 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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